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Governor's veto message is, as you notice, I sent you a release the other day. The Governor's veto is in error in many instances and especially one where he says it will cost a quarter of a million dollars because it, in no way, will cost that. It was figured on a 90 day evaluation and if you look at the bill and read it on Page 2, it will tell you that it was a 30 day evaluation so right there alone you could cut it in a third. There was many, many important issues in the juvenile session this year but this is one of the most important ones that this state has got to decide and I would hope that you would concur well enough to continue your support of the bill as you did across the Board and the way you did on Final Reading. It is needed. It is necessary because the Courts have got to make some sufficient and reliable decisions when they sentence juveniles, and you think D and E is important for adults and I am pleading with you and telling you that it is important for children and youth so that they will have the right place to be sent so that we can give them the right service. The state facilities are to be used. There is staff available so to come up with the figure that he did is irresponsible on his part and I doubt if he checked the second fiscal note to start with. I think that the Governor ignores one thing that is important and I am sorry to see that he does it. He ignores Nebraska youth for the sake of dollars. If we don't spend the dollars today on these young people to find out where they should be sent, how they should be treated, I guarantee you it will cost more for the state of Nebraska in the future years when we have to spend nine to ten thousand dollars a year to keep one of them in an adult institution. While they are young we can possibly make the right decision and put them back on the right track. It is strictly a bill for evaluation and diagnosis and I would hope that this body could continue its support and help to override the veto. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Barnett, I wonder if I might ask you a question. I am interested to...

SPEAKER: Would you yield, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR DUIS: I'm interested in helping you here but I do think we need an explanation. Apparently there were two fiscal notes in regard to this bill. One came and then the other one came. Now in order that we might get right down to brass tacks, the last fiscal note that was received was under \$50,000, is that correct?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's correct. That was an estimate, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: All right. May I ask you, did the fiscal staff prepare an A bill and give it to you or not?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, this was an estimate on...

SENATOR DUIS: No. I just want to know...

SENATOR BARNETT: No, they have not prepared an A bill.

SENATOR DUIS: All right. That's fine because I think that